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SYMPOSIUM

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- 1. FOLLOWING DELAY CAUSED BY TELEPHONE DIFFICULTIES, EMBASSY OFFICER CALLED ON DR. NAGGAR MAY 8 AND DELIVERED MESSAGE FROM GOUDARZI. NAGGAR WAS DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE CONFIRMATION OF GOUDARZI'S PARTICIPATION AND ADVISED THAT LATTER NEED NOT BE CONCERNED IF MANUSCRIPT IS A LITTLE LATE.
- 2. SECOND SYMPOSIUM ON GEOLOGY OF LIBYA (FIRST WAS IN 1969) IS A MAJOR EVENT OF ITS TYPE FOR LIBYA. SOME 150 EXPERTS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD, INCLUDING SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER FROM SOVIET BLOC, HAVE BEEN INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AND SUBMIT PAPERS. NAGGAR ESTIMATES THAT ABOUT 110 WILL SUBMIT ACCEPTABLE PAPERS. AN AMERICAN REPRESENTATION OF FROM TWELVE TO FIFTEEN APPEARS LIKELY, MOSTLY FROM UNIVERSITIES AND INSTITUTES BUT WITH SOME FROM PRIVATE COMPANIES. NAGGAR NOTED ACTUAL DATES OF SYMPOSIUM ARE SEPTEMBER 16 TO 21, WITH FIELD TRIPS COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 23.
- 3. EMBASSY WELCOMES GOUDARZI PARTICIPATION IN SYMPOSIUM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND SUGGESTS HE CONTACT DEPARTMENT FOR BRIEFING ON U.S.-LIBYAN RELATIONS SHORTLY BEFORE DEPARTURE. WE HOPE HE WILL ALSO CALL AT EMBASSY TO GIVE US HIS IMPRESSIONS ON CONTEMPORARY LIBYA AND BRIEF US ON SYMPOSIUM. NAGGAR ADVISES THAT UNIVERSITY WILL MEET PARTICIPANTS AT AIRPORT, CONVEY TO HOTEL, AND PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER LOGISTICAL SUPPORT DURING SYMPOSIUM. OUR IM-

PRESSION IS THAT LIBYANS PERFORM THESE SERVICES GENEROUSLY.

4. WE TOOK ADVANTAGE OF MEETING TO BRING TO NAGGAR'S AND GEOLOGY DEPARTMENT'S ATTENTION THE DATES OF THE 1979 USGS REMOTE SENSING WORKSHOPS AND TO ENCOURAGE LIBYAN APPLICATIONS.

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